

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004.

A Terminal Disclaimer and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$290.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Terminal Disclaimer and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit.

The Office Action indicated that an application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application in the first sentence of the specification. The Office Action further indicated that the specific reference to any prior non-provisional application must include the relationship between the applications. Applicant respectfully submits that, as indicated on page 1, line 5 of the specification, the above-referenced patent application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,630, filed October 6, 2000.

The Office Action indicated that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP §609. Applicant respectfully submits another Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with page numerations that includes the references originally filed on June 17, 2002 but not considered in regards to the above-referenced patent application.

Additionally, the submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement includes an additional reference that relates to a reference previously cited but objected to in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that such references be considered in regards to the above-referenced patent application.

Specifically, regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Big Bang Piggy Bankin, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant included this reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 in order to disclose the text paragraph on the second page. Moreover, the Big Bang Piggy Bankin advertisement relates to a gaming device which is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,190,255 B1 which was included in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Caribbean Gold II, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant included this reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 in order to disclose the text paragraph on the second page. Additionally, Applicant includes a picture of the Caribbean Gold II slot game obtained via the internet from a third-party reseller in the submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Cashbox, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant included this reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 in order to disclose the text on the second and third pages. Moreover the Cashbox advertisement relates to a gaming device that is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,726,563 which is cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted with this Response.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Empire Game, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant included this reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 in order to disclose the text paragraph on the second page.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Price Is Right-Showcases, Applicant respectfully resubmit another copy of the Advertisement originally submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Psycho Cash Beast, Applicant respectfully submit a clean color copy of the objected to reference.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of The Deals of Let's Make A Deal, Applicant respectfully resubmits another copy of the Advertisement originally submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of Treasure Wheel/Treasure Tunnel, Applicant respectfully resubmits another copy of the Advertisement originally submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002.

Regarding the Office Action's specific indication of X-Factor, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant included this reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002 in order to disclose the text on the second and third pages. Moreover, the X-Factor advertisement relates to a gaming device which is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,004,207 which was included in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 17, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 12, 2002 be considered in regards to the above-referenced patent application.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,187 B1. Applicant is hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer as indicated in the Office Action to overcome these rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,375,187 B1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1 to 20 are now in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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